



Department of Public Health

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

Provider Session

June 21, 2016

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Chapter 257 Overview



Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008 Regulates Pricing for the POS System



- Chapter 257 places authority for determination of Purchase of Service reimbursement rates with the Secretary of Health and Human Services under MGL 118E. Public Consulting Group (PCG) has been engaged to provide support for the development of Chapter 257 pricing.
- Chapter 257 requires that the following criteria be considered when setting and reviewing human service reimbursement rates:
 - Reasonable costs incurred by efficiently and economically operated providers
 - Reasonable costs to providers of any existing or new governmental mandate
 - Changes in costs associated with the delivery of services (e.g. inflation)
 - Substantial geographical differences in the costs of service delivery



Tentative Timeline



- **Spring and early summer 2016** – continued rate development 
- **Mid-summer 2016** – proposal of rates to Public Hearing. Proposed rate regulation will be published and Excel files showing the build-up of proposed rates will be made available.
- **Late summer 2016** – Public Hearing. Testimony on the proposed rates may be offered in oral and/or written form at the hearing. Written testimony may usually be submitted for a period of time after the hearing as well.
- **1/1/2017** – Target date for rate promulgation and DPH release of new RFR for Teen Pregnancy Program services
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Delivery of Evidence-Based Curricula

- **In School, Per Curriculum-Hour Rate**

Rate to reflect the cost of providing one hour of curriculum instruction within a school setting. This rate incorporates additional time and costs related to curriculum delivery.

- **Out of School, Per Curriculum-Hour Rate**

Rate established to reflect the cost of providing one hour of curriculum instruction outside a school setting. Staffing costs are increased to reflect the increased time required for recruitment and retention in this setting. This rate incorporates additional time and costs related to curriculum delivery.

Case Management, Peer Leadership, Youth Development

- **Per Contact-Hour Rate**

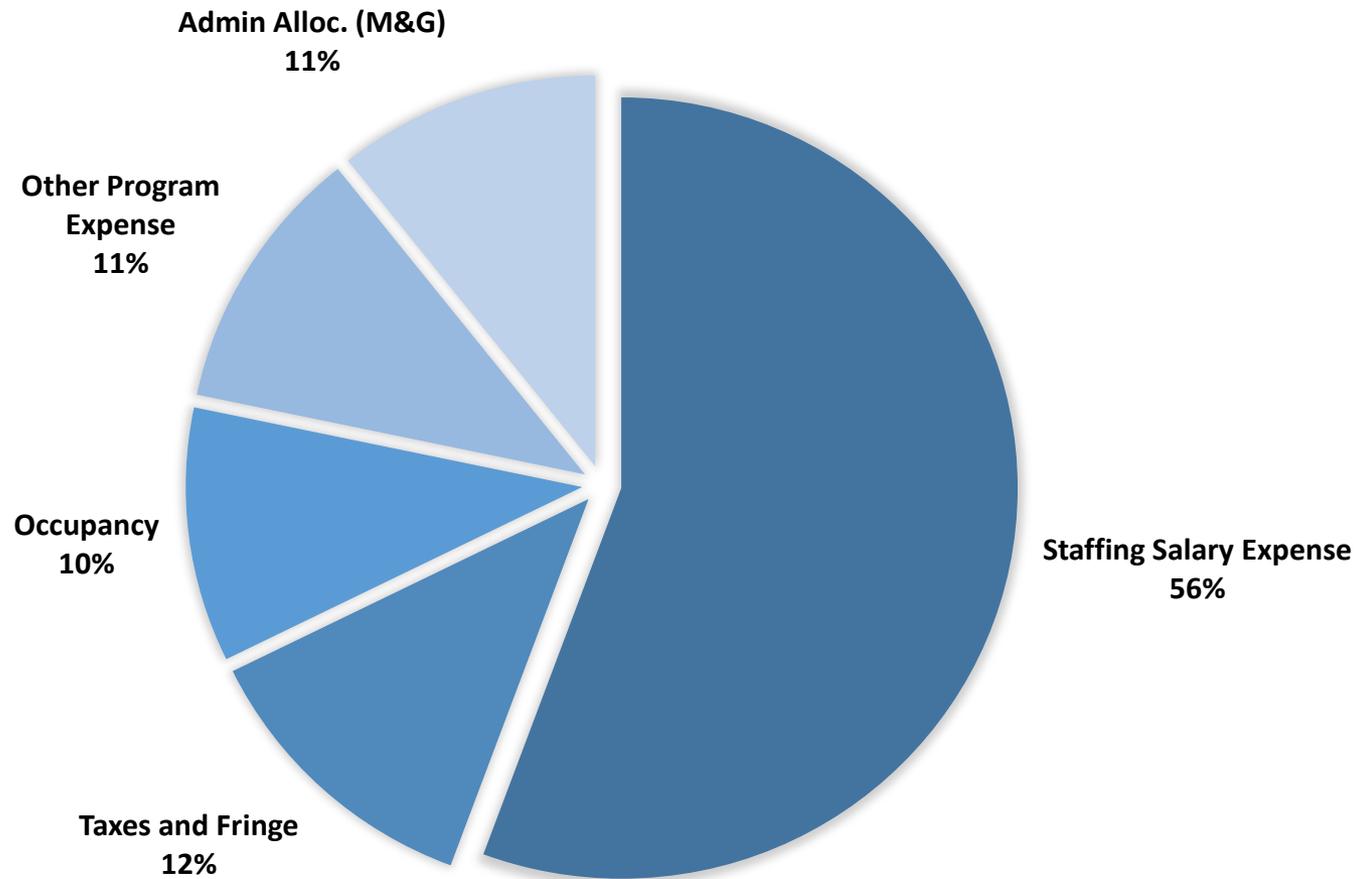
Rate established to reflect the cost of one hour of time spent with youth related to such activities as case management, peer leadership, and youth development. This rate also incorporates additional time and costs related to youth work.

Proposed Rates for TPP

Assumptions

- All three rates are based around Direct Care staffing time.
- The amount of Direct Care staffing time assumed to be available takes into account holidays, vacation, sick days, and training.
- UFR data shows that for every hour of Direct Care time, there are **.46** hours of Management time and **.04** hours of Support time associated, on average.
- Program expenses, occupancy, and direct administrative costs are all built into the rate.
- Taxes & fringe and administrative (M&G) allocation are benchmarked to Chapter 257 standards.
- FY2014 UFR data are used for the rate calculation. Inflation is taken into account using a Cost Adjustment Factor (CAF)

Allocation of Expenses: All Rates



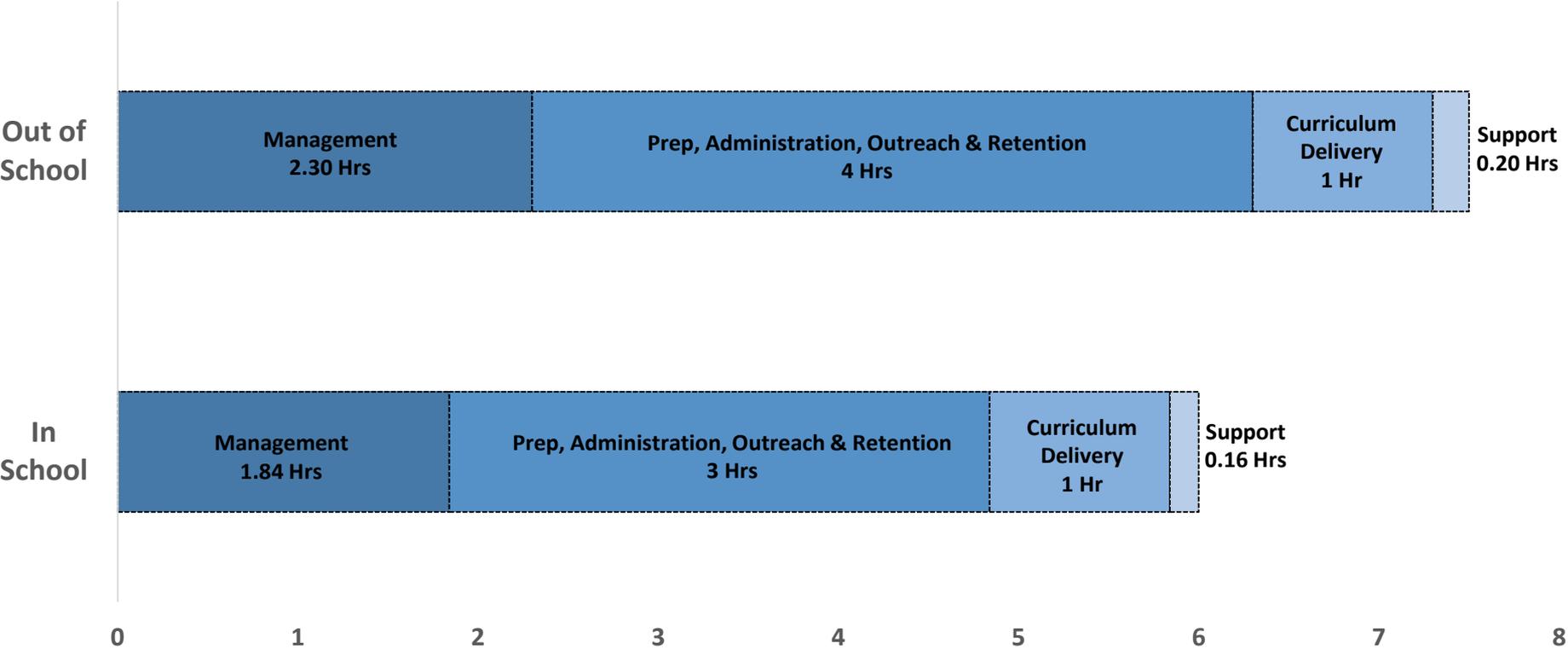
Evidence Based Curriculum Delivery: Staffing

- Survey results reported that the average direct care time spent on 1 hour of curriculum delivery is around 3 hours. That means for every 1 hour of curriculum delivery, 2 more hours are spent on activities such as prep time, administration, and outreach & retention activities.
- Our in-school model increases the time associated with 1 hour of curriculum delivery to 4 hours total to account for additional expenses not captured in the survey. The out-of-school model allows 5 hours, in recognition of the greater efforts required for outreach & retention in this setting.
- UFR data shows that for every hour of Direct Care time, there are **.46** hours of Management time and **.04** hours of Support time associated, on average.

<i>In School</i>	
	Hours
Management	1.84
Direct	4.00
Support	0.16

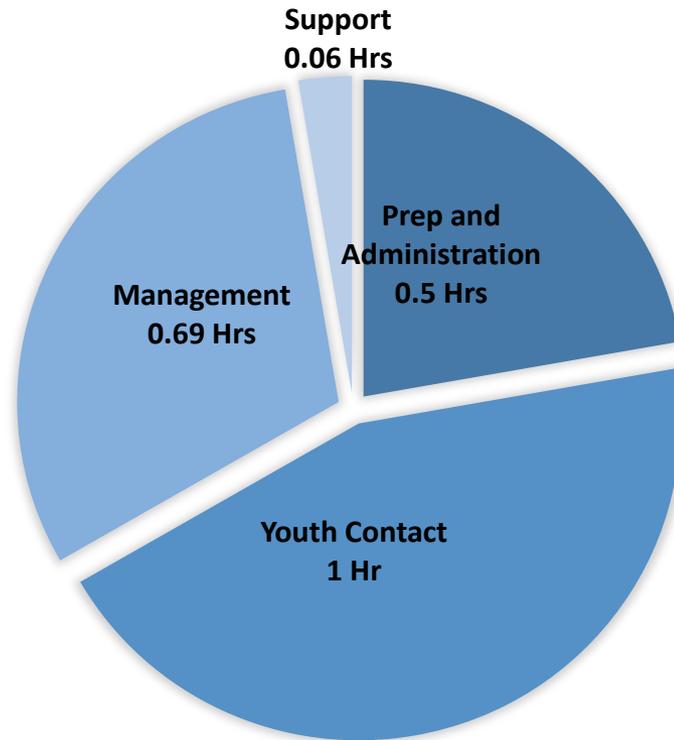
<i>Out of School</i>	
	Hours
Management	2.30
Direct	5.00
Support	0.20

Evidence Based Curriculum Delivery: Staffing



Youth Development Rate: Case Management, Peer Leadership, Youth Development

<i>Youth Development</i>	
	Hours
Management	0.69
Direct	1.50
Support	0.06



The youth development rate is set to reflect 1.5 hours of direct care time spent per each hour of Case Management, Peer Leadership, or Youth Development. The rate will also include Occupancy and other program expenses.



Public Hearing Feedback



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